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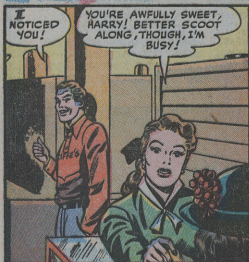
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BIG CITY BLUES

HOW DESPERATELY I WANTED COMPANIONSHIP! HOW EAGER I WAS TO FIND A LOVE OF MY OWN! YET, I HAD BUT TWO ALTERNATIVES WHEN I CAME TO THE CITY FROM THE SIMPLE FARM LIFE I HAD KNOWN! I COULD SPEND THE EVENINGS IN HEARTBREAKING SOLITUDE, OR I COULD JOIN THE FALSE HILARITY OF THE "FAST" CROWDS THAT DEMANDED TOO SHAMEFUL A PRICE FOR THEIR "FRIENDSHIP"!

...and since Mom died, the farm is unbearably lonely. My new job in Radcliffe's department store is exciting and I've found plenty of friends here in Chicago!





HARRY WAS ABOUT THE ONLY PERSON WHO HAD PAID ANY ATTENTION TO ME! BUT THOUGH I FOUND HIM IMMENSELY LIKEABLE, I COULDN'T HELP TREATING HIM LIKE A LITTLE BROTHER...



And there it was! My first thrilling invitation!

I'VE BEEN SAVING THIS GREEN PRINT FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS! CAN'T TELL! MAYBE MY "CERTAIN SOMEONE" WILL BE THERE!

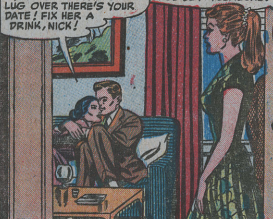


BUT AS I WALKED INTO JANE'S STUFFY APARTMENT...

HI, KEEED! THAT HANDSOME LUG OVER THERE'S YOUR DATE! FIX HER A DRINK, NICK!

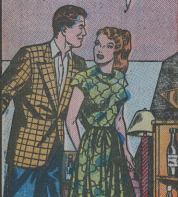
IT'LL BE A PLEASURE!

WHEE-WHEE-OD! WHAT A NUMBER!



WHAT'LL IT BE, SUGAR?

WELL, I... I DON'T USUALLY CARE FOR... ANYTHING!



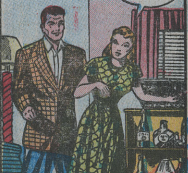
HEY-HEY! WE'RE GONNA BREAK YOU OF THAT SILLY HABIT RIGHT NOW!

I CAN'T BE A BAD SPORT IF I'M GOING TO MAKE FRIENDS! BUT... I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS!



NOW DRAIN THAT DOWN AND UNCLE NICKY WILL FIX YOU ANOTHER ONE! UNCLE NICKY THINKS YOU'RE AWFUL CUTE!

PLEASE! PLEASE DON'T!



AW, RELAX, BABY! CAME HERE TO HAVE A GOOD TIME, DIDN'T YOU?

YOU LET ME GO!



WELL, I'LL BE! WHERE'D YOU PICK UP THAT STUCK-UP GOODY-GOODY, JANE?

OH, I MET HER AT THE STORE! HOW DID I KNOW SHE'D BE A WET BLANKET?



SICK WITH HUMILIATION, I RETURNED TO MY ROUTINE OF WORKING ALL DAY...AND WISHING HALF THE NIGHT!

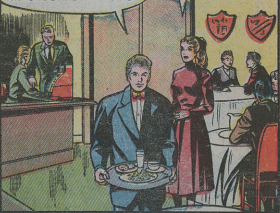
JANE WON'T EVEN SPEAK TO ME! BUT I'D RATHER BE LONELY THAN LOSE MY SELF RESPECT!

HI! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS TABLE?



DON'T GET TO SEE MUCH OF YOU ANYMORE! THEY'VE GOT ME WORKING INSIDE THE STOCKROOM NOW!

I SORT OF MISSED YOU, HARRY!



REALLY? YOU REALLY MISSED ME?

UH-HUH! I TOLD YOU, YOU'RE ABOUT THE ONLY PERSON I'VE GOT TO CHAT WITH! AND YOU'RE ALWAYS SMILING, SO YOU CHEER ME UP!

WELL, GOSH, IF IT'S CHEERING UP YOU WANT, I'D BE GLAD TO SMILE AT YOU ALL EVENING OVER A DINNER TABLE!

OH, BE SERIOUS, HARRY! YOU'RE MUCH TOO...



I DISMISSED HARRY'S BOYISH ATTEMPT AT MAKING A DATE LIGHTLY! FOR MY EYES HAD BEEN CAPTIVATED BY A DAPPER, HANDSOME MAN!

MM! WHO'S THAT?

I THOUGHT EVERYBODY KNEW MR. RAYBURN! HE'S ONE OF THE STORE'S TOP EXECUTIVES! HE'D BE EATING AT THE RITZ IF IT WASN'T FOR STORE POLICY!



SOMETHING ABOUT DAVID RAYBURN ATTRACTED ME IRRESISTIBLY! IT WAS A WILD CHANCE, AN IMPULSIVE GESTURE, BUT...

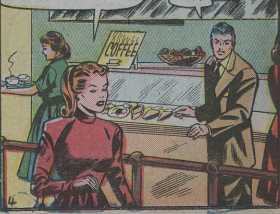
GOSH, I... I JUST KNOW I'LL WANT ANOTHER CUP OF COFFEE! AH-AH! STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE!

BUT I'D BE GLAD TO GET IT FOR YOU, KAREN!



OH, DEAR! I GUESS I'D BETTER GO TO THE END OF THE LINE! AND I ONLY HAVE TEN MORE MINUTES!

NONSENSE! THE AGE OF CHIVALRY IS NOT DEAD! STEP RIGHT UP!



My plan was for David Rayburn to notice me, and the long interested look he gave me, sent my hopes soaring! Later that day...

THESE ARE GENUINE RUBIES, OF COURSE, AREN'T THEY, MISS?



HELLO! I'M GOING TO HAVE TO PROMOTE THE PERSON WHO PUT A GEM LIKE YOU BEHIND A JEWELRY COUNTER! IT'S GOOD PLANNING!

YOU'RE BEING VERY KIND!



OH-OH! CLOSING TIME! I EXPECT YOU'RE IN A RUSH, SO I WON'T HOLD YOU UP!

NO...NO, I'M NOT! I MEAN... I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL REASON TO HURRY!



NOW, THERE'S A COINCIDENCE! I DON'T EITHER! BUT IF WE WERE BOTH DYING FOR A STEAK...AND WE DECIDED TO GO TRACK ONE DOWN TOGETHER...

THEN WE... **WOULD** BE IN A HURRY, WOULDN'T WE?



IT HAPPENED ALMOST TOO FAST TO BE TRUE! EXCITED, MY HEART BEATING FAST AND MY MIND IN A WHIRL, I DID MY BEST TO MAKE DAVID LIKE ME!

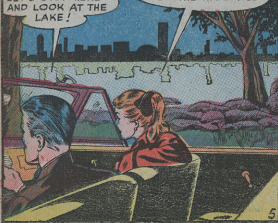
YOU KNOW, I COULD HAVE GUESSED YOU CAME FROM THE FARM! THAT WHOLESOME, PEACHES-AND-CREAM LOOK IS UNMISTAKEABLE!

HE'S SO FLATTERING! THIS MAY BE THE BEGINNING OF MY BIG ROMANCE!

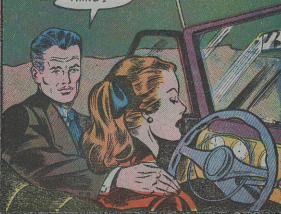


And LATER... LET'S STOP HERE AND LOOK AT THE LAKE!

YES, IT'S...LOVELY, ISN'T IT? MOONLIGHT ON THE WATER...



MOONLIGHT, A ROMANTIC SCENE, A PRETTY GIRL! SO A MAN DOES THE LOGICAL THING!



OH, I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE LET
HIM KISS
ME,
BUT
THERE WAS
THAT
LONELINESS
IN MY
HEART
THAT
MADE ME
RESPOND
EAGERLY
AS DAVID'S
LIPS
CLOSED
OVER MINE!



YOU KNOW THE MINUTE I SAW YOU, I WONDERED
WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO DO THAT!

AND NOW
YOU KNOW!



I WANT TO
KNOW MORE,
KAREN! THERE'LL
BE MORE KISSES
LIKE THAT ONE!

I...I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT!
THIS MORNING
WE WERE
TOTAL
STRANGERS!



NOT ANY MORE,
HONEY! EXCEPT
AT THE STORE,
OF COURSE!
THIS SORT OF
THING DOESN'T
DO AN EXECUTIVE
ANY GOOD, IF IT
GETS AROUND!

THIS "SORT
OF THING"?



YES, YOU KNOW... PEGGY'S A
DEPARTMENT MANAGER AT
THE STORE, AND WHEN SHE
GETS BACK FROM HER NEW
YORK BUYING TRIP, WE'LL
HAVE TO BE MORE
DISCREET!



I...DON'T
UNDERSTAND!
WHO'S PEGGY?

MY WIFE, SILLY! NOW,
DON'T TELL ME YOU
DIDN'T KNOW THAT!



APPARENTLY I HAVE...
A LOT TO LEARN!
PLEASE TAKE
ME HOME!

WELL, IF THAT'S THE WAY
YOU FEEL ABOUT IT, ALL
RIGHT! BUT YOU'D
BETTER GO BACK
TO THE FARM, SISTER!
YOU'RE WAY OUT OF
YOUR ELEMENT!



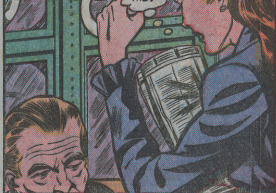
ASHAMED AND DISILLUSIONED, I SPENT THE REST OF THE NIGHT IN BITTER RECRIMINATION!

DAVID RAYBURN WAS RIGHT! I **DON'T** BELONG HERE! OH, WHY CAN'T THERE BE SOMEONE DECENT AND HONORABLE WHO'S AS LONESOME AS I AM?



And AS IF IN ANSWER TO MY PRAYERS, THE NEXT EVENING...

THIS AD IN THE PERSONALS COLUMN! IT'S AS THOUGH IT WAS MEANT FOR ME!



PERSONAL COLUMN

YOUNG MAN, 23, employed by day, agriculture student evenings, formerly from small Michigan town. Like to meet nice girl, also lonely. Write, enclose photo, please. Object: friendship. Box 587.

Lady, 43, will share three room apart, nice, well-

That EVENING...

MAYBE THIS IS FOOLISH, BUT THE AD SOUNDS SO SINCERE! AND HE MIGHT BE THE MAN I WANT TO MEET!



I MAILED THE LETTER AND MY ANTICIPATION MADE THE NEXT DAY AN EXCITING ONE!

HI, KAREN! YOU'RE LOOKING MIGHTY CHIPPER TODAY!

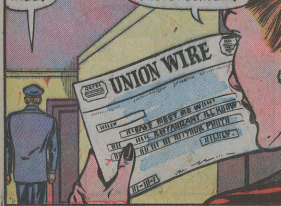
MAYBE I HAVE A GOOD REASON, HARRY!



And THAT EVENING...

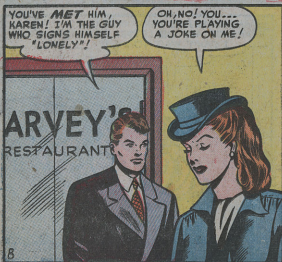
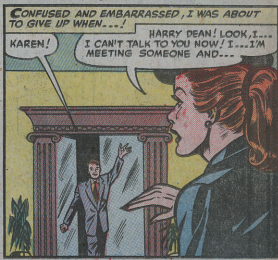
THANK YOU, MISS!

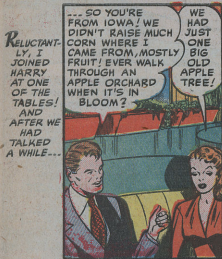
PLEASE MEET ME WAITING ROOM GARVEY'S RESTAURANT. I'LL KNOW BY YOUR PHOTO. LONELY!

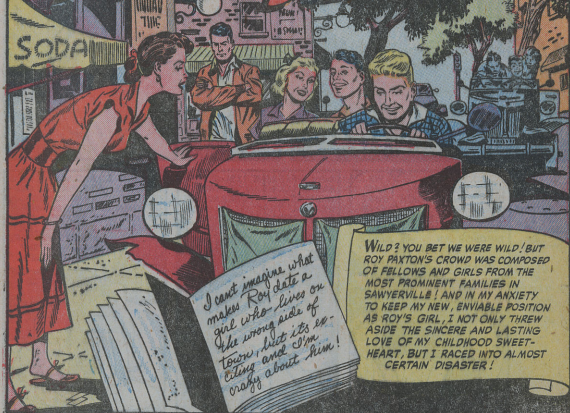


HE ANSWERED! HE MUST HAVE LIKED MY SNAPSHOT AND THE LETTER! GOSH, I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET HIM!









OF
COURSE.
DALE
AGARD,
THE BOY
NEXT
DOOR,
DIDN'T
THINK
MUCH OF
THE
IDEA!

GOING OVER TO
POP FRAZER'S
AGAIN, I
SUPPOSE!

THERE'S NO **LAW**
AGAINST HAVING A COKE
WITH YOUR FRIENDS,
IS THERE?

DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU
CALL "FRIENDS"! THAT
RECKLESS BUNCH ISN'T FOR
YOU, DOREEN! GOSH, I
ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU
AND I...

OH, FOR HEAVEN'S
SAKE, DON'T BRING
UP OUR **CHILD-
HOOD**, DALE!
I'VE **GROWN
UP!**

YES, I WAS GROWN UP! AND IF I WAS THE QUEEN OF MY NEW "CROWD", ROY PAXTON WAS THE UNDISPUTED KING!



GEE, DON'T THEY MAKE A SMOOTH COUPLE?

WITH HIS DOUGH AND HER LOOKS, HOW CAN THEY MISS?

TOO MANY PEOPLE AROUND, DOLL! WHAT SAY WE NAB US A LITTLE PRIVACY?

ANYTHING YOU SAY, ROY!



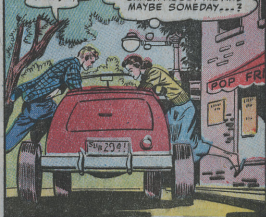
WE CAN GO OVER TO MY FOLKS' COUNTRY CLUB AND DANCE TO SOME DECENT MUSIC TONIGHT!

I WONDER HOW YOUR FOLKS WOULD FEEL ABOUT...ME?



I SHOULD WORRY! ANYWAY, THEY'RE DOWN IN MIAMI NOW!

WHAT A LIFE! BUT MAYBE I'LL FIND OUT WHAT IT'S LIKE! ROY SAYS HE'S CRAZY ABOUT ME AND MAYBE SOMEDAY...?



THRILLED WITH THE EXCITING POSSIBILITIES, I MADE NO MOVE TO RESIST WHEN ROY PARKED THE CAR AND...

LET'S NOT WASTE ANY MORE TIME, ROY! DOREEN!



I REALLY GO FOR YOU, BABY! WE MAKE A TERRIFIC COMBINATION!

IT'S ALWAYS SO THRILLING, BEING WITH YOU, ROY!



ROY'S
KISSES
HAD ME
IN
SEVENTH
HEAVEN!
NO
WONDER
I WAS RESENT-
FUL WHEN
DALE
AND MY
MOTHER
GAVE
ME
THEIR
ADVICE!



DOREEN, YOU
AREN'T
GOING OUT
WITH THAT
RECKLESS
CROWD
AGAIN!

SHE WON'T
LISTEN TO
ME, MRS.
WILLIS!



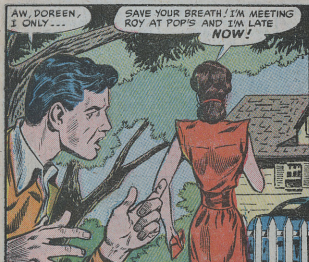
DON'T YOU GET IT, DOREEN?
THEY'RE LOADED WITH MONEY
AND THEY'RE BORED!
THEY'LL DO ANYTHING
FOR A THRILL AND...
SOMETIMES I
WORRY ABOUT
YOU!

OH,
HONESTLY!



I DO! I'VE
LOVED YOU
EVER SINCE WE
WERE KIDS...AND
IT KILLS ME TO SEE
YOU WITH THAT
TIN-HORN PLAY-
BOY!

I'LL
THANK
YOU NOT
TO TALK
THAT
WAY
ABOUT
MY FRIENDS!

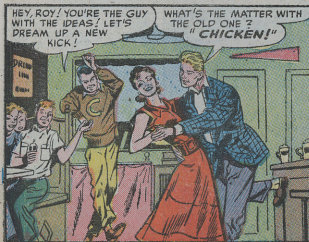


AW, DOREEN,
I ONLY...

SAVE YOUR BREATH! I'M MEETING
ROY AT POP'S AND I'M LATE
NOW!

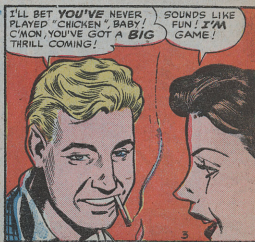


THIS PLACE IS GETTING
AWFULLY DULL!



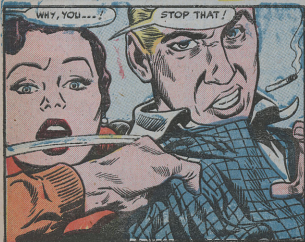
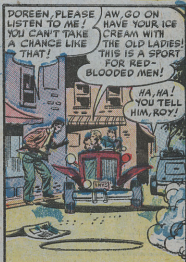
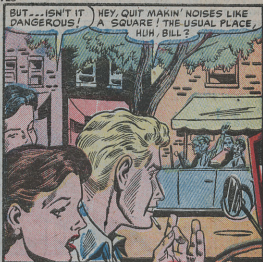
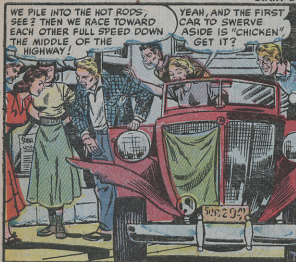
HEY, ROY! YOU'RE THE GUY
WITH THE IDEAS! LET'S
DREAM UP A NEW
KICK!

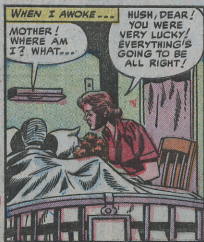
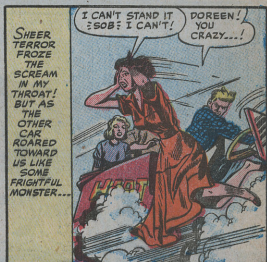
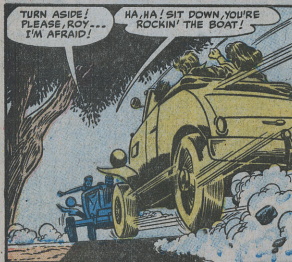
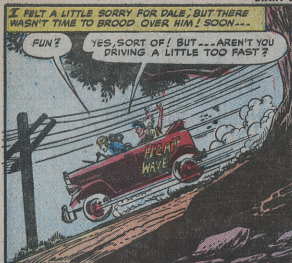
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH
THE OLD ONE?
"CHICKEN!"



I'LL BET **YOU'VE** NEVER
PLAYED "CHICKEN," BABY!
C'MON, YOU'VE GOT A **BIG**
THRILL COMING!

SOUNDS LIKE
FUN! I'M
GAME!

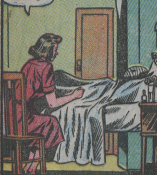




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IF DALE HADN'T FOLLOWED YOU AND RUSHED YOU TO THE HOSPITAL YOU...YOU WOULDN'T BE ALIVE NOW, CHILD!

DALE FOLLOWED ME! AND AFTER THE WAY I TREATED HIM...!



HAS...ROY BEEN HERE... ASKING ABOUT ME?

NO, HIS FAMILY WHISKED HIM OUT OF TOWN! AFRAID OF BAD PUBLICITY, I GUESS!



CONFUSED, HURT, I WAS YET TO HEAR THE WORST! I SUPPOSE THE NURSE THOUGHT ME ASLEEP, BUT...

POOR KID! I'M TOLD SHE WAS A REAL BEAUTY! I ONLY HOPE SHE WON'T BE SHOCKED WHEN THOSE BANDAGES COME OFF!

I'VE LOST EVERYTHING! SOBE! EVERYTHING!



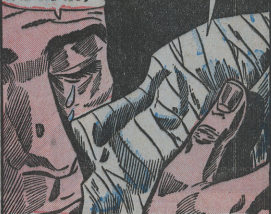
I DON'T CARE ABOUT ROY! BUT DALE WON'T EVER FORGIVE ME! AND I'LL BE... SCARRED AND UGLY!

VISITOR FOR YOU, MISS WILLIS!



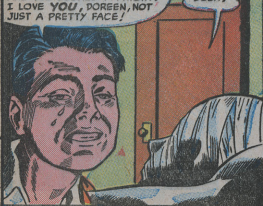
DOREEN! OH, DARLING, I'VE BEEN UP ALL NIGHT, BEGGING THEM TO LET ME COME IN TO SEE YOU!

MAYBE YOU WON'T WANT TO SEE ME, DALE!



I LOVED YOU BEST WHEN WE MADE MUD PIES TOGETHER AND YOU LOOKED A FRIGHT! I LOVE YOU, DOREEN, NOT JUST A PRETTY FACE!

OH, DALE, WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN!



AND I KNOW NOW THAT IT WAS DALE'S LOVE AND FAITH THAT PULLED ME THROUGH THAT TERRIBLE ORDEAL! WEEKS LATER...

DARLING, I WAS SO AFRAID! I WANTED SO DESPERATELY TO BE...PRETTY... FOR YOU!

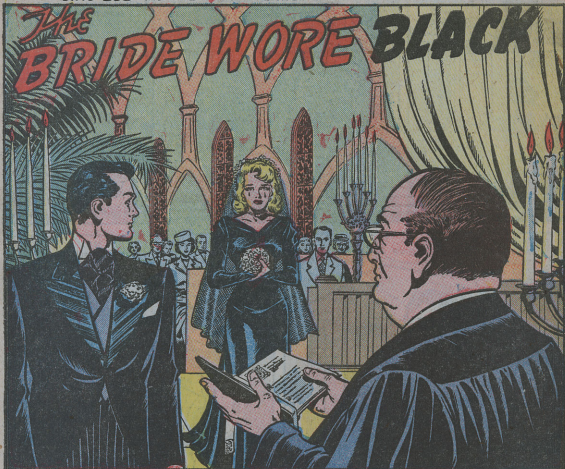
YOU'RE PRETTY ENOUGH TO BE MY BRIDE, DARLING! THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!



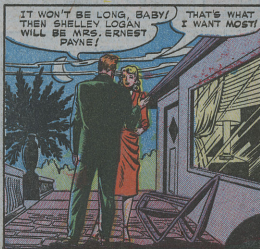
Dear Diary-

A few minor scars remain, to remind me, of my tragic mistake! But no scar was left on my heart, for I'm gloriously happy and in love with the man I'm going to marry tomorrow!

A BRIDE IN BLACK? THAT WAS SIMPLY THE WAY I FELT AS I PREPARED FOR MY MARRIAGE TO BOB GARFIELD! FOR MY LOVE BELONGED TO A MAN WHO WAS GONE, MY HEART WAS IN MOURNING, AND MY MIND WAS SHROUDED IN GLOOM! WAS IT FAIR TO FOIST SUCH BLEAKNESS ONTO BOB AND RISK RUINING HIS LIFE?



THE FIRST PART OF MY STORY ISN'T PRETTY SO. I'LL SPARE YOU THE SORDID DETAILS! ERNIE PAYNE AND I WERE ATTENDING A PARTY GIVEN BY FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY!



IT WON'T BE LONG, BABY! THEN SHELLEY LOGAN WILL BE MRS. ERNEST PAYNE!

THAT'S WHAT I WANT MOST!



ERNIE, DARLING, I'M SO HAPPY!

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GUESS WE SHOULD GO IN NOW, HUM?

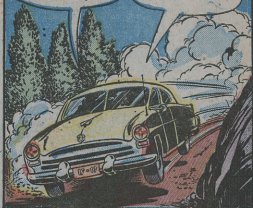
YES, AND WE SHOULD START FOR HOME SOON, TOO! A LOT OF THE GUESTS HAVE LEFT AND IT'S LATE!



I WAS IN ECSTASY OVER MY FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE AND THOUGHT MYSELF MADLY IN LOVE WITH ERNIE! PEOPLE HAD TRIED TO WARN ME THAT HE WAS A ROWDY AND RECKLESS BUT I REFUSED TO LISTEN! ON OUR WAY HOME...

CAN'T YOU TAKE IT A LITTLE SLOWER, ERNIE?

ARE YOU A WORRY-WART? SCARED, SWEETHEART?



NOT REALLY!

THAT'S BETTER! I DON'T WANT A WIFE WHO'LL BE A NAMBY-FAMBY!



I GOT HOME SAFELY AND HE KISSED ME GOOD-NIGHT! I WENT STRAIGHT TO BED AND WAS SLEEPING SOUNDLY WHEN THE TELEPHONE AWAKENED ME WITH A START!

WHO COULD BE CALLING AT THIS HOUR?



AN ACCIDENT?... ERNIE?... NO, I DON'T BELIEVE IT!



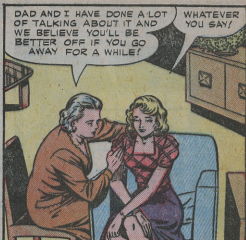
I DIDN'T WRITE IN MY DIARY FOR TWO WEEKS! THEN...

My wedding day is past! My life went, too! I feel as if I'm floating around in a vacuum!

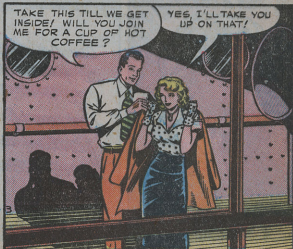
WHY DID IT HAVE TO HAPPEN LIKE THIS?



THE ACCIDENT WAS FATAL! MY MOTHER AND DAD HAD NOT APPROVED OF THE MATCH FROM THE FIRST BUT NO PEOPLE COULD HAVE BEEN MORE KIND OR CONSIDERATE! A MONTH OR MORE LATER...



SOON I WAS ON A SHIP AND HEADED OUT TO SEA! I SHOULD HAVE MADE SOME EFFORT TO HELP MYSELF BUT INSTEAD...





WHAT'S YOUR DESTINATION?

I HAVE NONE! I JUST GO WHERE THE BOAT GOES!



ME, TOO! I'M TAKING THIS CRUISE FOR THE RIDE AND A REST! MAYBE WE CAN MAKE SOMETHING OF IT TOGETHER!

WE CAN TRY!

SOME-TIMES IT TAKES A STRANGER TO SHAKE A PERSON OUT OF SELF-PITY! BOB GARFIELD DID JUST THAT FOR ME! HE'D TAKEN ENOUGH OF A BEATING WITHOUT MY BURDENING HIM WITH TROUBLES, TOO!

I WAS ON THE FIGHTING FRONT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND DISCHARGED FOR A SLIGHT DISABILITY! I'M FINE NOW EXCEPT THAT THE SILENCE OF A LAW OFFICE DRIVES ME SLIGHTLY NUTS!

IS THAT WHY YOU LIKE THE STORM? BECAUSE IT'S NOISY?

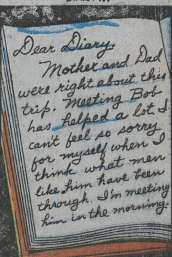


I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED!

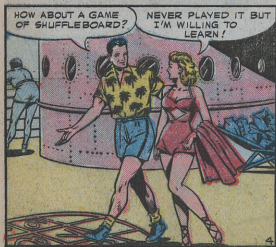
I LIKE IT, TOO!



THAT NIGHT, I WROTE IN MY DIARY...

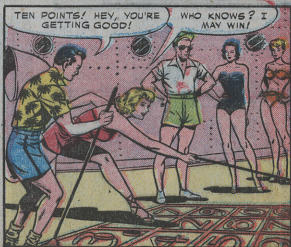


Dear Diary,
Mother and Dad were right about this trip. Meeting Bob has helped a lot. I can't feel so sorry for myself when I think what men like him have been through. I'm meeting him in the morning!



HOW ABOUT A GAME OF SHUFFLEBOARD?

NEVER PLAYED IT BUT I'M WILLING TO LEARN!



TEN POINTS! HEY, YOU'RE GETTING GOOD!

WHO KNOWS? I MAY WIN!



MY DEAR LITTLE GIRL, YOU COULD WIN ANYTHING OR ANYBODY AT ANY TIME!

I THOUGHT THAT ONCE, TOO! BUT CIRCUMSTANCES PROVED ME WRONG!

BRNIE'S MEMORY WAS EATING INTO MY MIND AGAIN! I HAD LOST HIM THROUGH NO FAULT OF MY OWN! BUT AS THE TRIP CONTINUED, I FOUND A NEW KIND OF CONTENTMENT WITH BOB! THEN ONE NIGHT...



WE'VE HAD A SWELL TIME, HAVEN'T WE, SHELLEY? I'LL HATE TO SEE IT END!

SO WILL I! I WISH IT COULD GO ON LIKE THIS FOREVER!



I WANT US TO GO ON LIKE THIS FOREVER! ANY REASON WHY NOT?

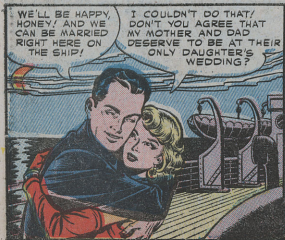
NO, BOB! NO REASON AT ALL!



THEN, SHELLEY SWEET-HEART, MARRY ME! YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON I'VE FOUND WHO COULD MAKE ME FORGET!

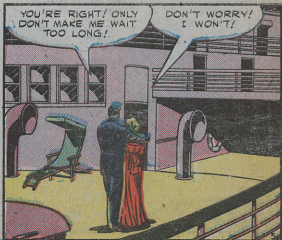
WE NEED EACH OTHER, DARLING! YES, I'LL MARRY YOU!

BOB DIDN'T SUSPECT. I'M SURE, HOW MUCH HE HAD DONE TO MAKE ME FORGET! AND WHEN HE KISSED ME, THE WORLD SEEMED ALL RIGHT AGAIN AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MONTHS, I FELT AS IF I WANTED TO KEEP ON LIVING IN IT!



WE'LL BE HAPPY, HONEY, AND WE CAN BE MARRIED RIGHT HERE ON THE SHIP!

I COULDN'T DO THAT! DON'T YOU AGREE THAT MY MOTHER AND DAD DESERVE TO BE AT THEIR ONLY DAUGHTER'S WEDDING?



YOU'RE RIGHT! ONLY DON'T MAKE ME WAIT TOO LONG!

DON'T WORRY! I WON'T!



THE REMAINDER OF OUR VOYAGE WAS A ROMANTIC ADVENTURE! WE SAILED UNDER THE SOUTHERN SUNS AND PLANNED OUR FUTURE WITH FOND ENTHUSIASM! THEN, WHEN IT WAS OVER, BOB TOOK ME TO THE AIRPORT TO SEE ME STARTED ON MY WAY HOME!



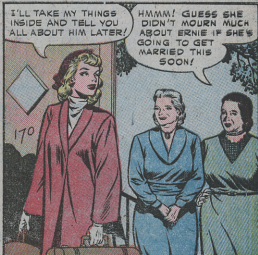
TWO WEEKS SHOULD GIVE US TIME ENOUGH TO GET READY! I'LL LET YOU KNOW!



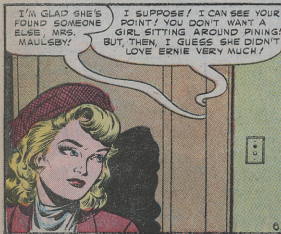
THAT GOOD-BYE SEEMED SO TEMPORARY AT THE TIME THAT I WAS NOT EVEN SAD ABOUT IT! I ARRIVED HOME AND RAN TOWARD MY MOTHER WHO WAS TALKING TO OUR NEIGHBOR, MRS. MAULSBY!



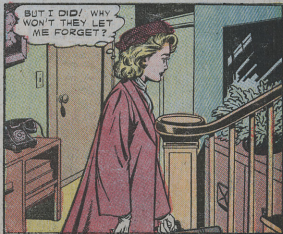
IT DID, MOM! AND I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL YOU... I'M ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED TO BOB GARFIELD! HE'S WONDERFUL! I MET HIM ON THE BOAT!



HMMM! GUESS SHE DIDN'T MOURN MUCH ABOUT ERNIE IF SHE'S GOING TO GET MARRIED THIS SOON!



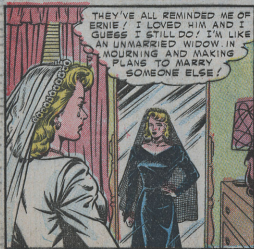
I SUPPOSE! I CAN SEE YOUR POINT! YOU DON'T WANT A GIRL SITTING AROUND PINING! BUT, THEN, I GUESS SHE DIDN'T LOVE ERNIE VERY MUCH!



BUT I DID! WHY WON'T THEY LET ME FORGET?



MOM AND DAD UNDERSTOOD, BUT OTHERS ACTED SHOCKED! LIKE THE DRESS-MAKER WHO HAD MADE MY FIRST WEDDING GOWN AND WAS NOW MAKING MY SECOND!

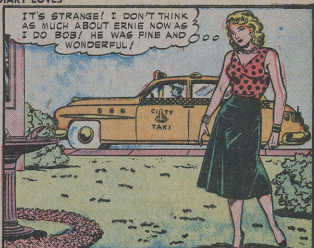


I COULDN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT! I WENT TO THE PHONE THAT NIGHT WHEN EVERYONE ELSE IN THE HOUSE WAS ASLEEP! I COULDN'T PUT A BLIGHT ON BOB'S LIFE BECAUSE OF THE BURDEN ON MINE!





A GAIN
I WAS LIKE A PRISONER, LOCKED UP WITH MY GRIEF! A WEEK PASSED AND I REFUSED TO SEE ANYONE! AT TIMES, I WALKED ALONE ON OUR LAWN!



HELLO, SHELLEY! I CAME AS SOON AS I COULD GET AWAY AFTER I GOT YOUR WIRE!



BOB!



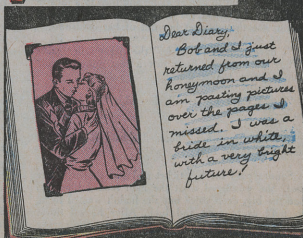
THEN TELL ME WHY YOU SENT THE WIRE, HONEY! THERE'S SOMETHING BACK OF ALL THIS!

I SPARED NO PUNCHES! I TOLD HIM OF MY TRAGEDY AND HOW HE HAD HELPED ME THROUGH MY GREAT GRIEF! I TRIED TO MAKE CLEAR THE UNCERTAINTY I FELT WHEN I CAME BACK HOME AND HOW I DIDN'T WANT TO DO HIM AN INJUSTICE!



YES, BOB! YOU'LL BE SAFE NOW TO RISK YOUR FUTURE WITH ME!

I'LL LET MY DIARY FINISH MY STORY!



TWO SEATS ON THE AISLE

AS Sandra Fleming flung open the door to her apartment and dashed inside, she was sure that she had never been more angry in her life. "Just because I won a beauty contest and have been the center of attention," she stormed to herself, "Jeff gets jealous!"

She hurriedly undressed and got into a comfortable negligee. Naturally, being a chosen beauty, she had gone to luncheons and dinners and her pictures had been in the papers with prominent escorts. But that was publicity and nothing more. She had thought it would make Jeff proud but instead he had behaved like a spoiled child and Sandra was seething with anger. She sat down to write in her diary, which was a way of getting the fury out of her system.

Dear Diary,

Jeff and I had a fight tonight. He accused me of stepping out on him which is not true. I haven't gone with anyone else but now maybe I will, because I really don't think I'd want such a jealous man for a husband. I'm burned up and I think, dear diary, that I have every right to be.

When Jeff called the next day to ask her for a date, she was very reserved and refused him. "Sorry," she said with formality, "but I have made previous plans. Perhaps some other time!"

"That's what I thought," came the terse reply from the receiver. "I had you figured right all along!"

Actually Sandra had no other plans. It was just her way of putting him in his place. But she didn't want to be home in the event that he should call and so she went to dinner alone and then to a theatre to see if she could get a ticket for a comedy. It might, she thought, get her out of her doldrums.

"I have two on the aisle," the ticket seller said! "They were turned back just a few minutes ago! You're lucky to get them!"

"But I can't use two," she said. "I'll take one and—"

"I'll take the other," boomed a bass voice behind her. "I'm alone, too!"

Sandra paid for her ticket and was shown to her seat. She wondered what the man looked like who had the big, deep voice but she hadn't wanted to be so bold as to turn and look. After he sat down beside her, she was able to peer out of the corner

of her eye and see that he was tall and broad shouldered and had rugged features and very masculine. She noticed, too, the slight upturn at the corners of his mouth which showed a good sense of humor. And when the play got underway, they both laughed so heartily that, without a word being spoken between them, she felt sort of friendly toward this big, burly character who was sharing her enjoyment.

They sat and talked during the intermissions and he told her his name, Hank Barlow. And when the show was over, he suggested that they have something to eat and she agreed. It gave her a sense of vengeful satisfaction to think that she really was stepping out on Jeff. "May as well have the game as the blame," she thought and went out and had a good time with Hank.

It was peculiar coincidence, after that, that she seemed to meet Hank wherever she went. And whenever Jeff called, she made an excuse, just to get even with him for his suspicions. She and Hank hit it off very well and every chance meeting ended in an exciting evening. A few of these convinced her that she had never really been in love with Jeff at all and that Hank, a happy-go-lucky character, had won her heart without half trying.

One evening she was surprised to have the doorbell ring and find both Jeff and Hank standing there. Jeff was smiling rather sheepishly and Hank looked really hard-boiled with a scowl on his face.

"Sandra," sighed Jeff, rushing to try to take her in his arms, "I had you all wrong! I thought you were going out with other men so I hired this detective to trail you and he tells me you didn't do that at all! He says you've gone out alone all the time! Can you ever forgive me?"

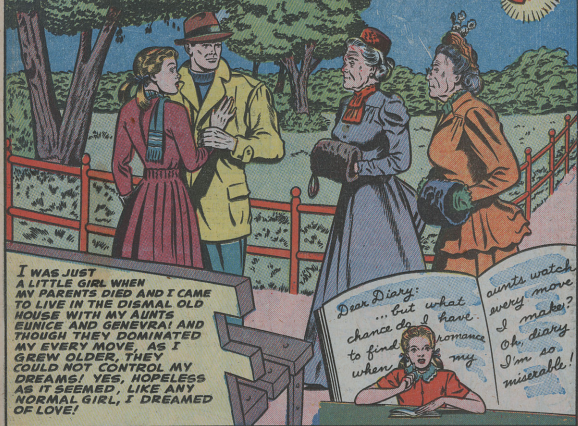
"I don't think I can," answered Sandra, being very snooty. She wanted to be angry with Hank, then, but she couldn't when she saw him grinning behind Jeff's back. "I'm sorry, Jeff," she continued, trying to be stern but with giggles gurgling up inside of her, "but any man as suspicious as you would be insufferable to live with. We'd better call it quits right now."

A few nights later, Sandra made the following entry in her diary:

Dear Diary,

I'm glad now that Jeff was jealous and hired Hank to trail me! Tomorrow I will marry the dear detective! I would never have found him if it hadn't been for those two seats on the aisle!

Stolen Kisses



EVEN IF MY AUNTS HAD PERMITTED IT, NO BOY IN SHADY COVE WOULD HAVE DREAMED OF DATING ME! IN MY OUTMODDED CLOTHES, I WAS A DISMAL THROWBACK TO THE PAST!

BUT ISN'T IT A TRIFLE...OLD-FASHIONED, AUNT EUNICE?

NONSENSE! IT'S A VERY PROPER AND BECOMING!

HMHP! NEXT THING YOU KNOW, MARILOU WILL BE WANTING SHORT SKIRTS AND FLIMSY STOCKINGS!

SOMEDAY I'LL FIND SOMEONE WHO LOVES ME! I'LL RUN AWAY WITH HIM AND I'LL NEVER COME BACK!



I WAS PERMITTED FEW FRIENDS! IN FACT, MY AUNTS JUST BARELY TOLERATED RITA SILLS, WHO CAME OVER ONE EVENING WITH EXCITING NEWS!



BUT I KNOW BETTER THAN TO ASK MY AUNTS! THEY WOULDN'T APPROVE OF ANYTHING THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

MM, IT WOULDN'T BE TOO AWFUL IF YOU TOLD THEM YOU WERE COMING TO MY HOUSE! TO SEW! THAT'S IT, WE'RE GOING TO SEW!



IT'S NO USE, RITA! I'D BE LAUGHED OUT OF THE PLACE IN THESE HORRIBLE CLOTHES!

WE CAN FIX THAT AT MY HOUSE! OH, PLEASE, MARILOU! WE'D HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME!



HUNGRY FOR FUN AND COMPANIONSHIP, I NEEDED VERY LITTLE COAXING! IN A FEW MINUTES WE WERE AT RITA'S HOUSE!

AUNT EUNICE ALMOST SAID NO! OH, GOSH, RITA, I FEEL SO... FUNNY IN THESE!

SILLY! YOU LOOK ADORABLE! HERE, A LITTLE LIPSTICK WILL HELP, AND THEN I'LL COMB YOUR HAIR DOWN!



AND BEFORE LONG...

OH, RITA, IT IS EXCITING! EVERYONE'S LAUGHING AND THE MUSIC IS SO GAY AND...

AND YOU'RE BEING ADMIRERD! THAT'S MY CUE TO LEAVE!



HELLO! LIKE TO SKATE-WALTZ OR ARE YOU GOING TO HUG THAT RAIL ALL EVENING?

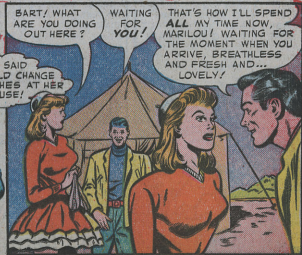
I...I'D...LIKE TO SKATE-WALTZ! THAT IS, I WOULD IF I KNEW HOW!



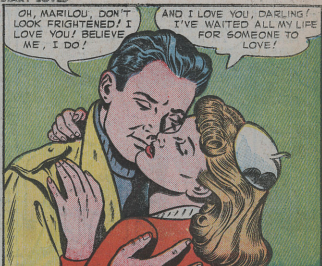
I COULD FEEL MY HEART POUNDING AS THE HANDSOME STRANGER TOOK MY ARM! HOW PLEASANT HE LOOKED AND HOW FRIENDLY HIS LAUGHTER SOUNDED!



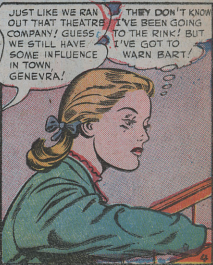
AND I FOUND A WAY! IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED I TOLD A HUNDRED LIES, AND LIVED IN MORTAL TERROR OF BEING DISCOVERED! BUT I SAW BART ALMOST EVERY NIGHT!



DIARY LOVES



IT WAS PAST ELEVEN BEFORE I COULD TEAR MYSELF AWAY FROM BART. I CHANGED CLOTHES AT RITA'S AND THEN, WITH MY HEART SINGING I HURRIED HOME...TO FIND MY AUNTS WAITING FOR ME!



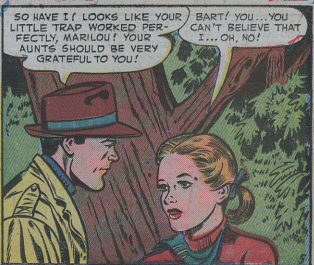
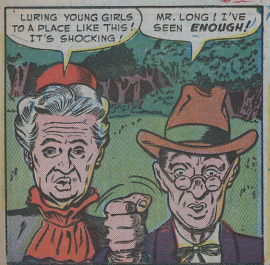
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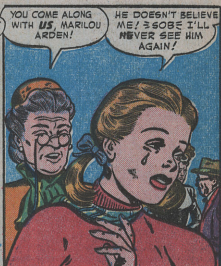
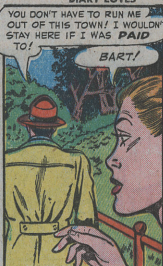


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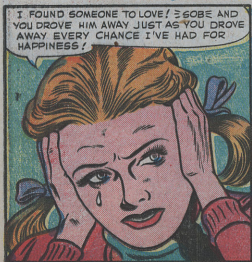


UMM, THAT SOUNDS INTRIGUING! LET'S WALK OVER TO THE PARK!





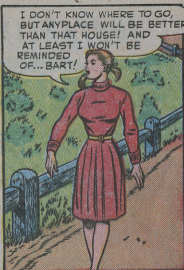
FAR INTO THE NIGHT I LISTENED TO MY SHARR TONGUED AUNTS, HURLING THREATS AND ACCUSATIONS! AND FINALLY I COULD STAND NO MORE!



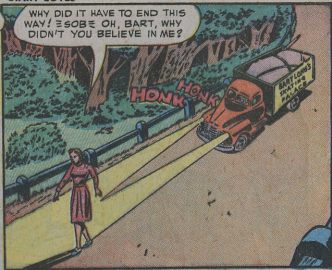
DIARY LOVES

I COULDN'T GET OUT OF THAT HATEFUL HOUSE FAST ENOUGH! AN HOUR LATER, I STUMBLED DOWN THE HIGHWAY OUTSIDE OF TOWN!

I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO, BUT ANYPLACE WILL BE BETTER THAN THAT HOUSE! AND AT LEAST I WON'T BE REMINDED OF... BART!

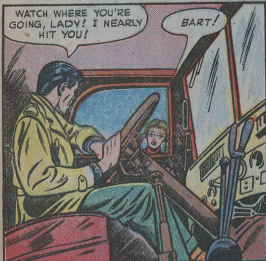


WHY DID IT HAVE TO END THIS WAY! SOB! OH, BART, WHY DIDN'T YOU BELIEVE IN ME?



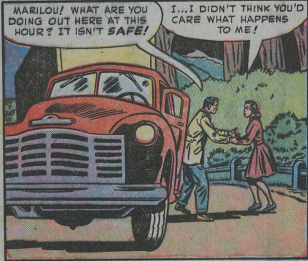
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, LADY! I NEARLY HIT YOU!

BART!



MARILOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE AT THIS HOUR? IT ISN'T SAFE!

I...I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME!



I'M RUNNING AWAY, BART... FOR THE SAME REASON YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY!

THEN...YOU WEREN'T HELPING YOUR AUNTS! YOU DID COME TO WARN ME ABOUT THEM!

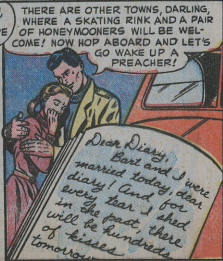


I'D SEEN THEM HURT SO MANY PEOPLE, BART! AND I LOVED YOU SO TERRIBLY...

OH, MARILOU, IF YOU CAN ONLY FORGIVE ME!

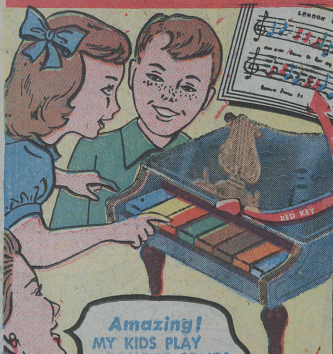


THERE ARE OTHER TOWNS, DARLING, WHERE A SKATING RINK AND A PAIR OF HONEYMOONERS WILL BE WELCOME! NOW HOP ABOARD AND LET'S GO WAKE UP A PREACHER!



Dear Diary,
Bart and I were married today, dear diary! And for every tear I shed in the past, there will be hundreds of kisses tomorrow.

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Enclosed find _____ snapshot or negative.
(Specify number, limit 2)

Please make _____ Enlargement and Frame.
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I will pay postman only 29¢ each for Enlargement and Frame, on arrival, plus mailing costs, on your 10-day money-back guarantee offer.

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Fill out description below. Mark back of picture 1 and 2.

COLOR—Picture No. 1

Hair _____

Eyes _____

Clothing _____

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Clothing _____

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